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Interview Summary

Application No.

10/671,595

Applicant(s)

SAKURAI ET AL.

Examiner

Andre Boyce

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3623

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Andre Boyce.

(3) _____.

(2) Luminita Todor.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 15 January 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-7.

Identification of prior art discussed: Jenkins et al (US 2002/0188499).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached: g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant and the Examiner discussed the claim language with respect to Jenkins et al. Applicant and the Examiner also reviewed the specification for subject matter that would be able to define the inventive concept more specifically. In addition, the Examiner discussed the state of the supply chain planning art, and indicated that the art is well defined. As such, the Examiner indicated that Applicant's claim language would need to be very specific in detailing how it is distinguishable over the prior art. The Examiner also indicated that a supplemental amendment would be considered upon submission.